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Subject: FW: Board Letter: Award WCBBP Condition Assessment

At the June 4 Board meeting, Public Works will be requesting the Board to award and delegate authority to the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a contract with CH2M Hill to perform a condition assessment of the West Coast Basin Barrier Project (WCBBP) for a not-to-exceed fee of \$185,500, which includes \$24,243 for contingencies. Funding for this contract is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Budget.

On March 11, 2008, the Board authorized the Public Works to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the West Basin Municipal Water District and the Water Replenishment District of Southern California whereby each agency will reimburse Public Works for approximately one-third of the cost of the study, up to \$54,000 each.

The WCBBP has been in operation since 1953 and consists of 153 wells which inject fresh water into the underground aquifer creating a freshwater ridge to prevent seawater from contaminating this valuable drinking water source. Recent system failures in the pipeline system, which resulted in portions of the barrier being inoperable for periods of time, have clearly identified a need to assess the overall condition of the barrier. The condition assessment is statutorily exempt from CEQA since it is considered a planning/ feasibility study. We will come back to your Board to request approval to implement any projects that may arise as a result of this assessment.

If any additional information is needed, please let me know. Thank you.

Chris Stone